Request to drop Caste from profile of officers

1459. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has asked the Department of Personnel and Training to drop "Caste" from the profile of SC/ST officers;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether removing Caste from the Profile of SC/ST officers will ensure their adequate representation in different Departments of the Central Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for such recommendations; and

(e) whether the Ministry propose to chalk out rigorous training programmes for officers of SCs/STs to make them more acceptable to Departments of Central Government and even PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This has been done in order to avoid any discrimination. Identification of an officer by caste for the purposes of deputation and special assignments may, more often than not, prove counter productive.

(c) and (d) Adequacy of representation is ensured at the time of recruitment.

(e) Information is being collected from the Department of Personnel and Training.

Increase in reservation for Scheduled Castes

†1460. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.